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Hello Beautiful People!

Welcome to Brain Train! We're thrilled to have you with us as we embark on this exciting journey to support and empower individuals with dyslexia.

Our team of experts has carefully curated each issue of our monthly magazine to offer practical, playful, and engaging activities that will enrich your life and help you gain a better understanding of your unique strengths and abilities.

With our love of learning and illustration, we've created fun and interactive activities for all ages, from children to adults. We hope to inspire new generations and help individuals with dyslexia feel more confident and in control.

We're passionate about taking a strength-based approach to dyslexia, and our goal is to help you discover the simple things you can do to feel more empowered and in control of your life.

Thank you for being a part of our community, and we look forward to sharing our love of learning and growth with you!

LET'S PLAY & LEARN

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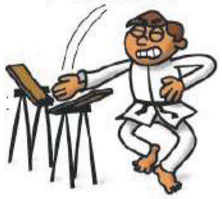

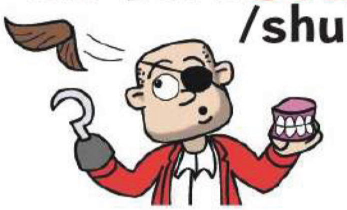

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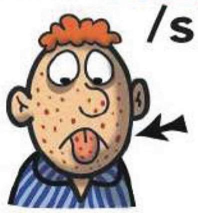

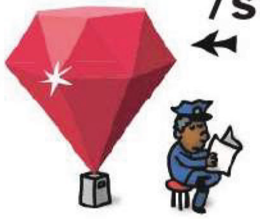

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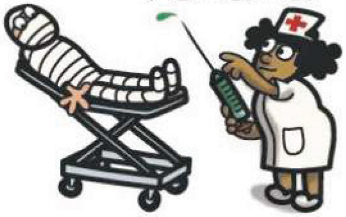

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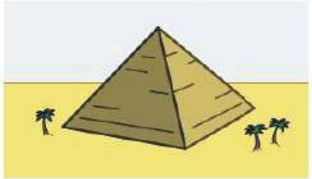

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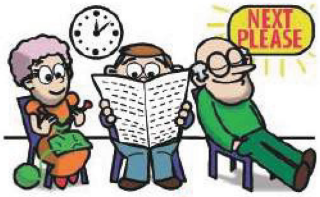

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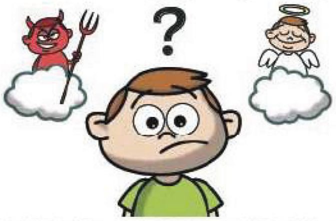

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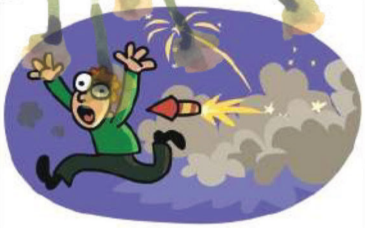

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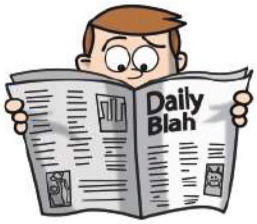

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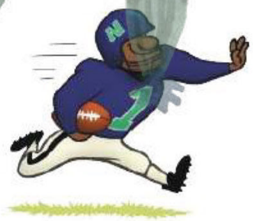

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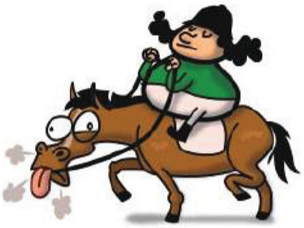

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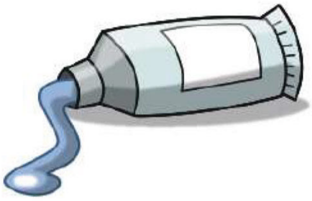

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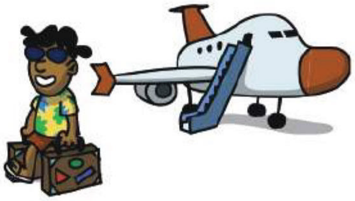

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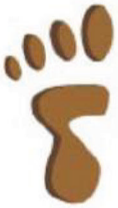

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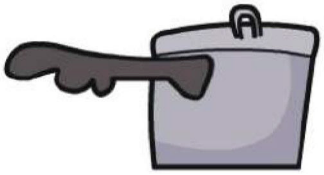

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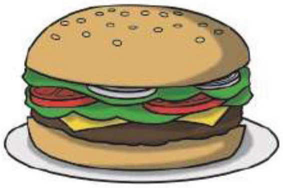

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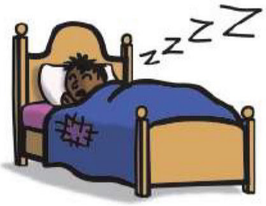

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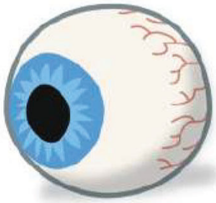

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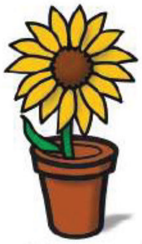

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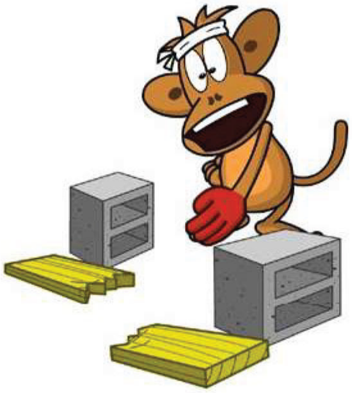

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How To Play

Start with the picture side. Show the picture, say the word then the letters e.g. 'chop … ch'. Once confident, begin with the letter side.

If there is difficulty recalling the sound, show the picture as a clue.

A quick 'flash' at the letters is sometimes more memorable than a long look.

Personality of the Month!

Richard Branson

Entrepreneur

The head of his high school predicted this British entrepreneur would end up in prison or become a millionaire.

Try billionaire, with a “b,” many times over. Branson says dyslexia and what he describes as “a different way of thinking” have helped him succeed.

The Virgin Group founder has launched more than 400 companies, including a recording label and airline. He’s also been knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

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Word search

How quickly can you find the words?
Circle ◯ each word in a different colour and cross it off the list.
Look from left to right only.

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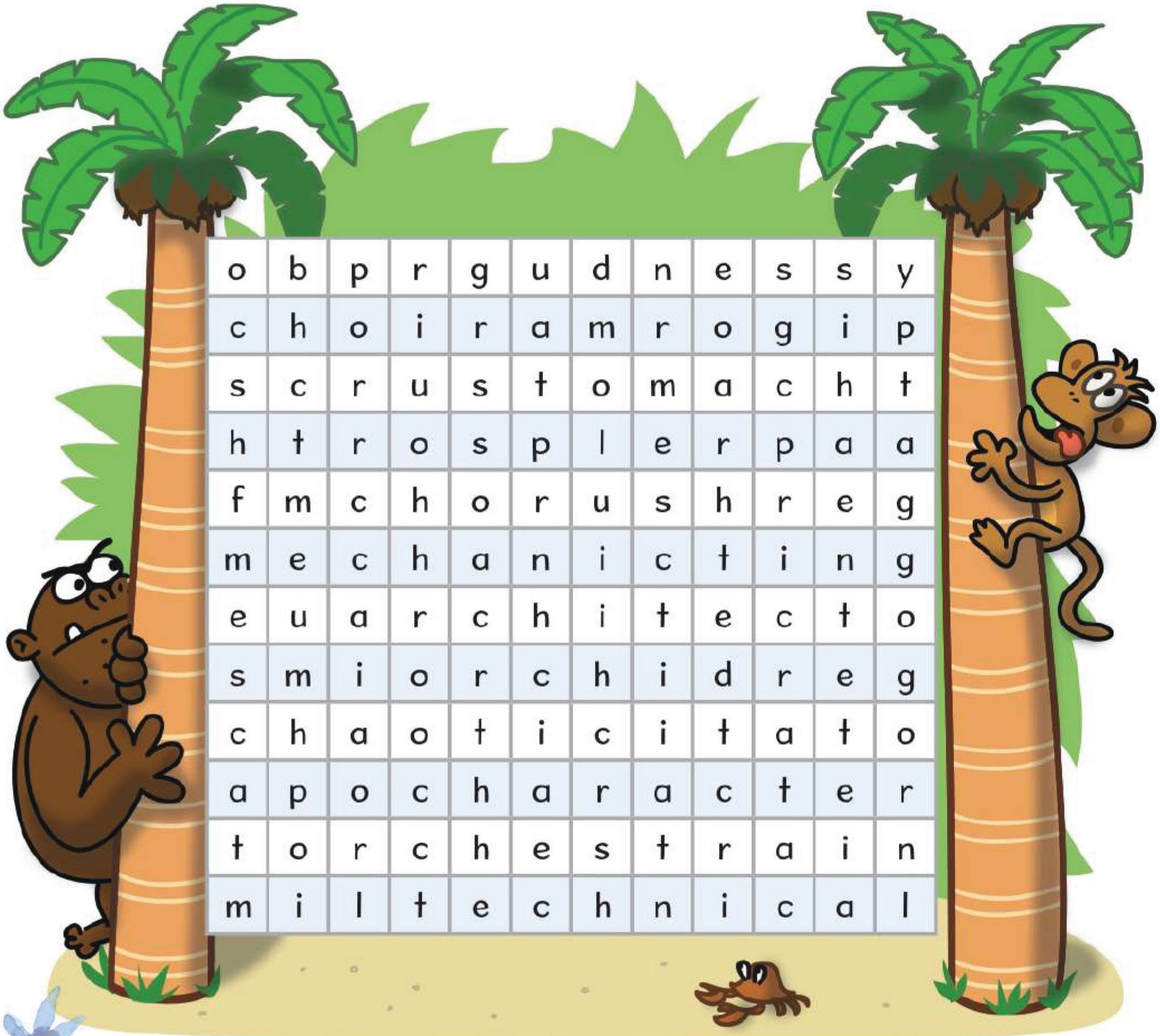

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Onset and rime

Instead of blending individual phonemes some students find it easier to read by splitting the word into two parts (called onset and the rime). Flash cards can help develop the ability to recognize onset and rime. When students understand that different onsets can be spliced onto the same rime, they can make new and different words.

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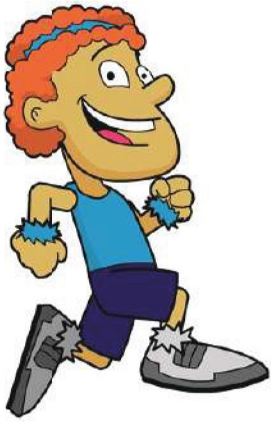

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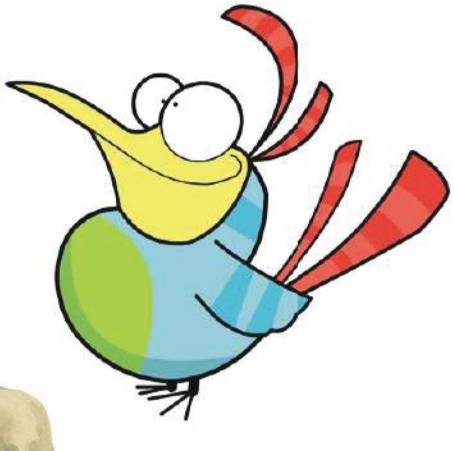

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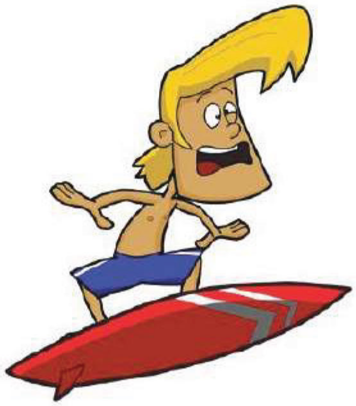

How To Play

Start with the picture side. Show the picture. Say the first part of the word (the onset). Say the end part of the word (the rime). Say the whole word, e.g. ‘bir ... d ... bird’.

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Complete the word - ff

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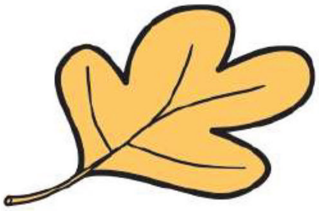
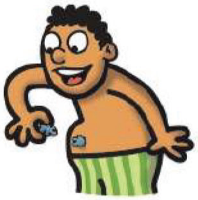
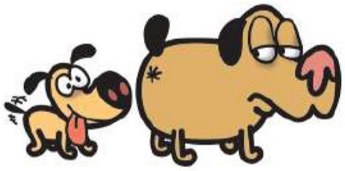
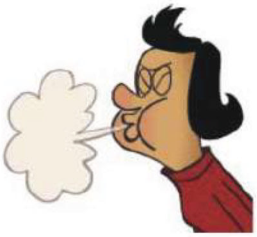
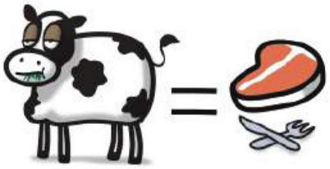
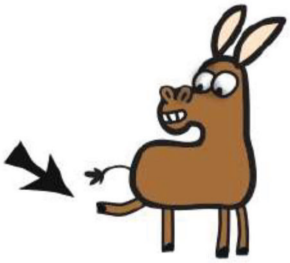
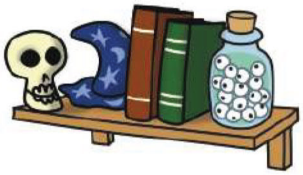
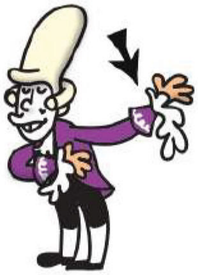
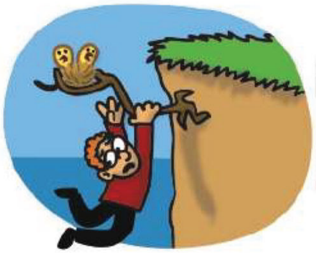
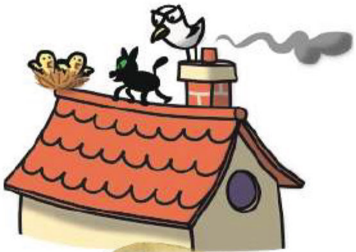
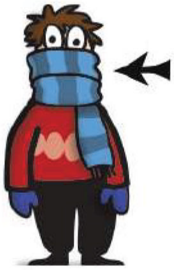
Jse -f where the vowel already has a letter friend to help.

 lea______	 flu______	 sni______
 pu______	 bee______	$\frac{1}{2}$ hal______
 hoo______	 shel______	 cu______
 cli______	 roo______	 scar______

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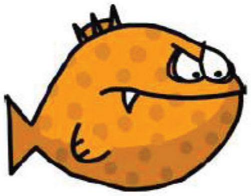

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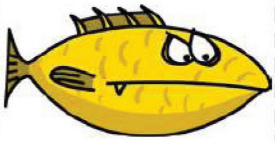

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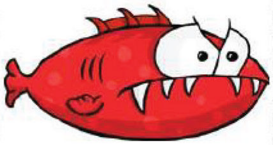

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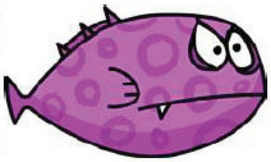

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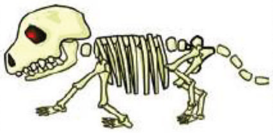

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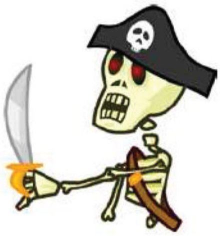

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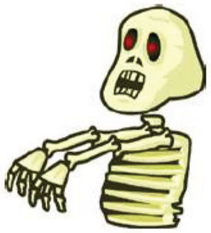

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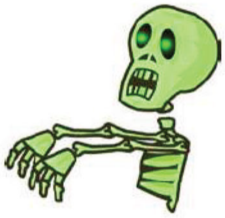

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Happy Families

How to play 3-4 players

Collect the cards that make up complete families.

Shuffle and deal out all cards.

The dealer begins by asking any player for a word that they need to add to a family. If the player asked has the card, they hand it over.

The dealer continues to ask for cards from any player, but if they ask someone who does not have it, then play passes to the player left of the dealer.

As families are collected, the four cards are placed together face down in front of the player who has them.

When a player has no cards left, he/she must drop out of the game and play passes to the person on their left. Their families are still counted at the end.

The game continues until all the families have been collected.

The player with the most families is the winner.

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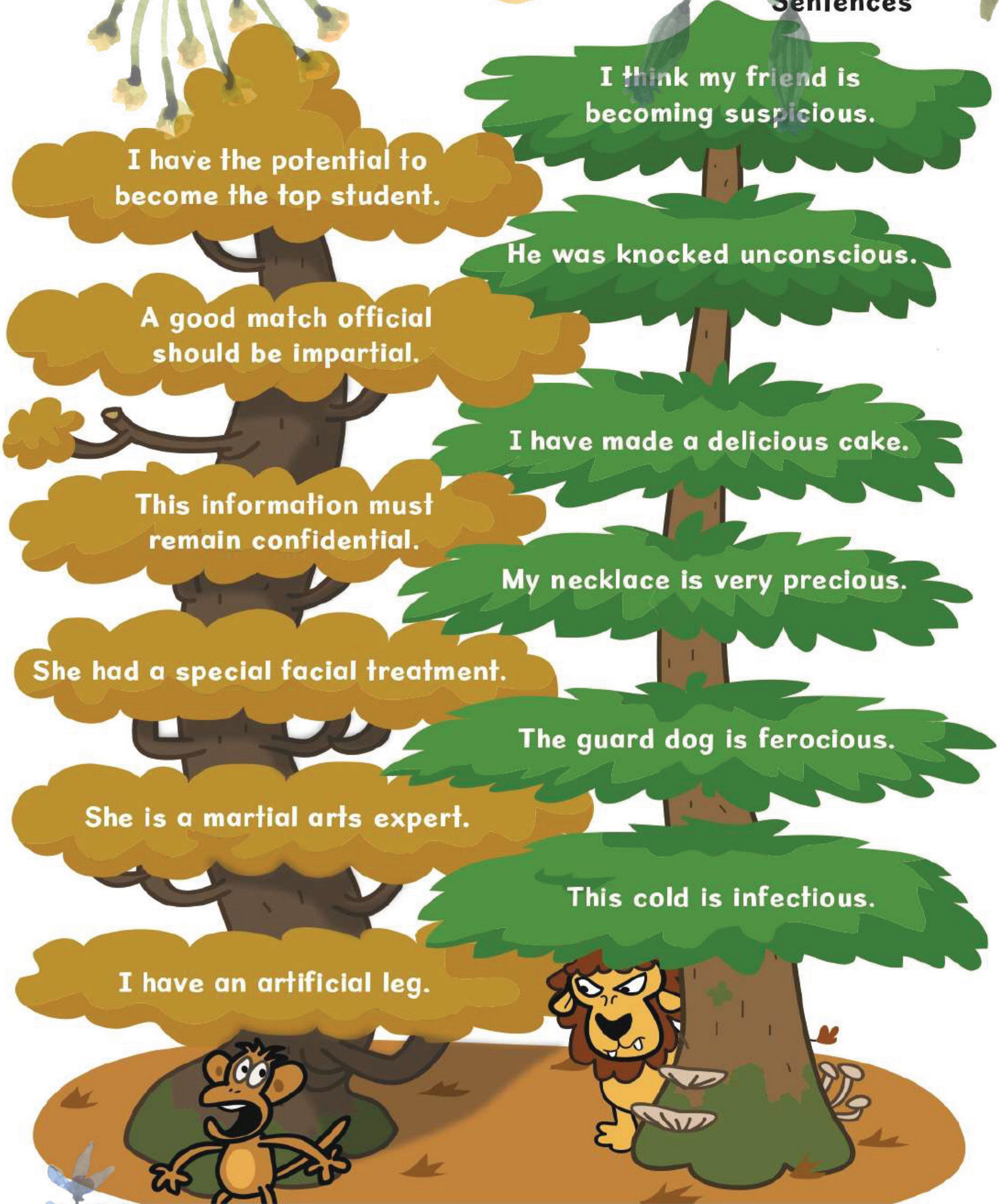

I have the potential to become the top student.

A good match official should be impartial.

This information must remain confidential.

She had a special facial treatment.

She is a martial arts expert.

I have an artificial leg.

I think my friend is becoming suspicious.

He was knocked unconscious.

I have made a delicious cake.

My necklace is very precious.

The guard dog is ferocious.

This cold is infectious.

Can you get Minky the monkey to the top of the tree?
Reading: Read a sentence to move. If you get stuck, jump across.
Spelling: Record 6 sentences. Cover the sentences. Listen back to a sentence and write it down. Uncover the sentence to see if you got it right.

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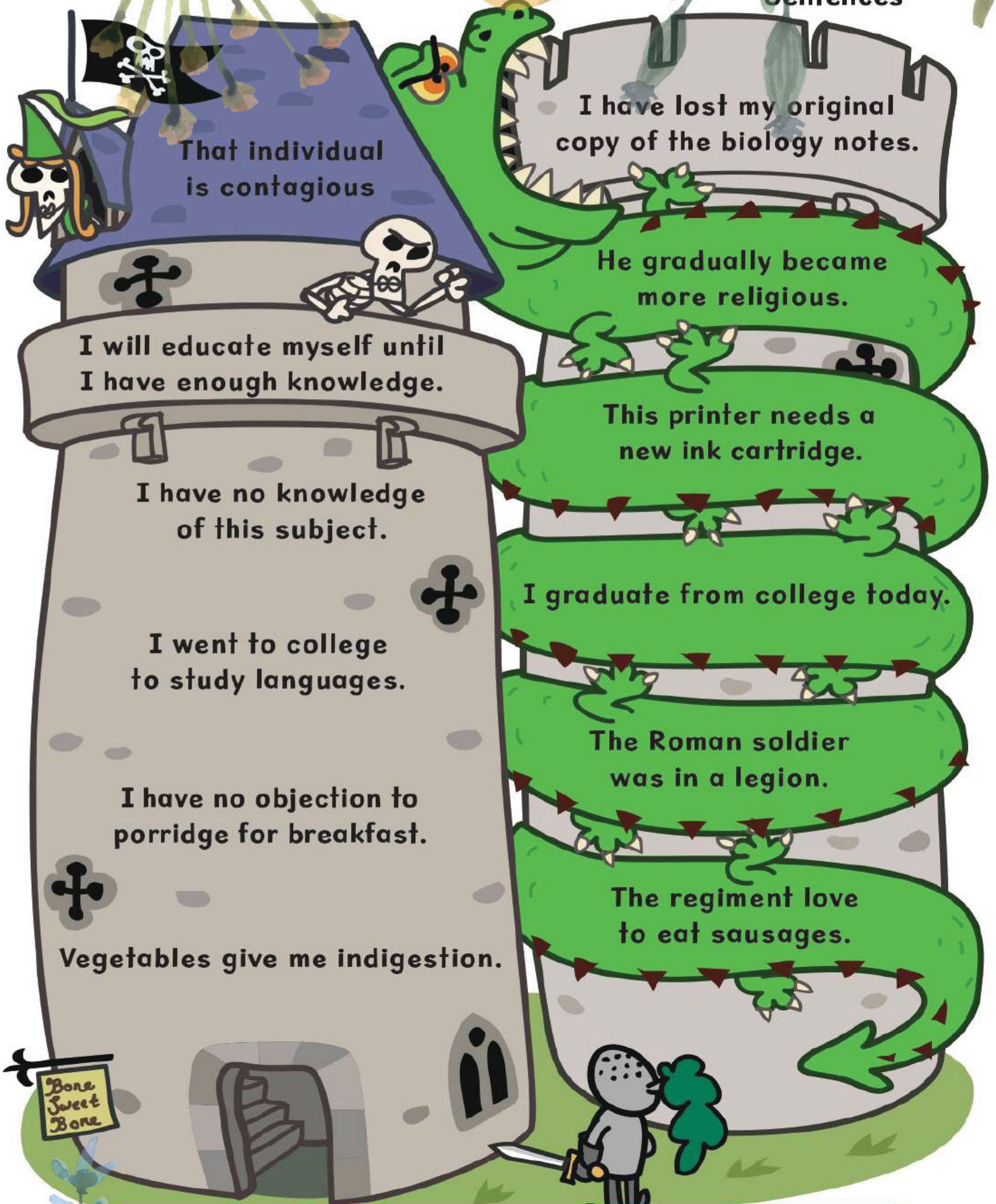

That individual is contagious

I will educate myself until I have enough knowledge.

I have no knowledge of this subject.

I went to college to study languages.

I have no objection to porridge for breakfast.

Vegetables give me indigestion.

I have lost my original copy of the biology notes.

He gradually became more religious.

This printer needs a new ink cartridge.

I graduate from college today.

The Roman soldier was in a legion.

The regiment love to eat sausages.

Can you help Norman the knight climb to the top of the tower?
Reading: read a sentence to move up the tower. If you get stuck, jump across.
Spelling: record 6 sentences. Cover the sentences. Listen back to a sentence and write it down. Uncover the sentence to see if you got it right.

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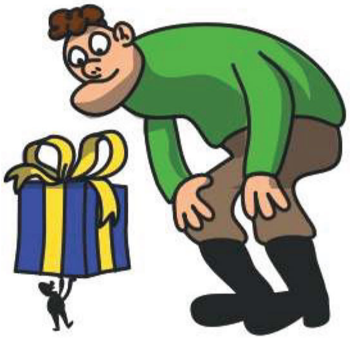

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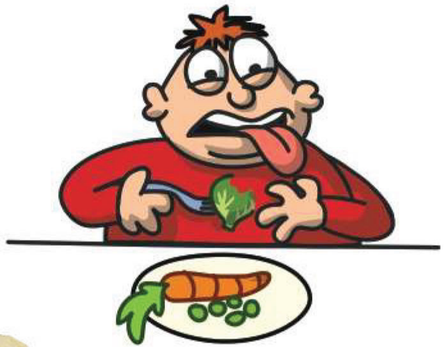

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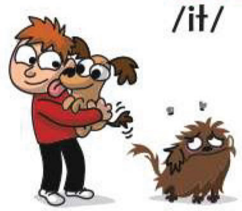

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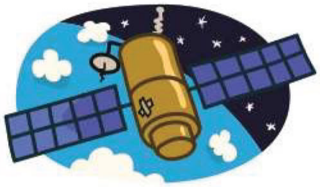

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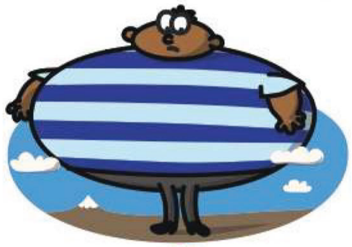

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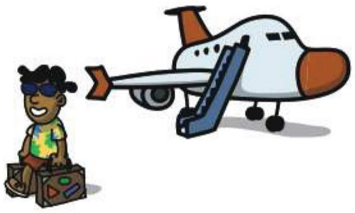

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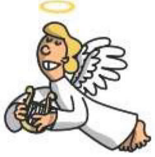

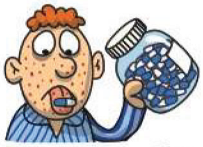

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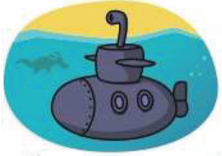

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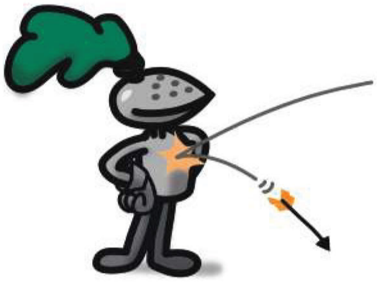

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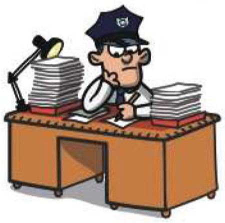

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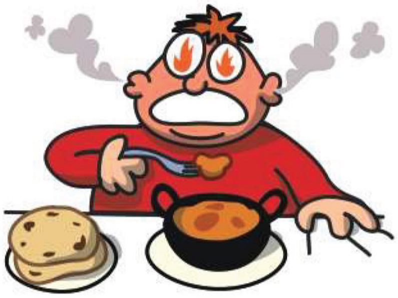


Links (3 syll)

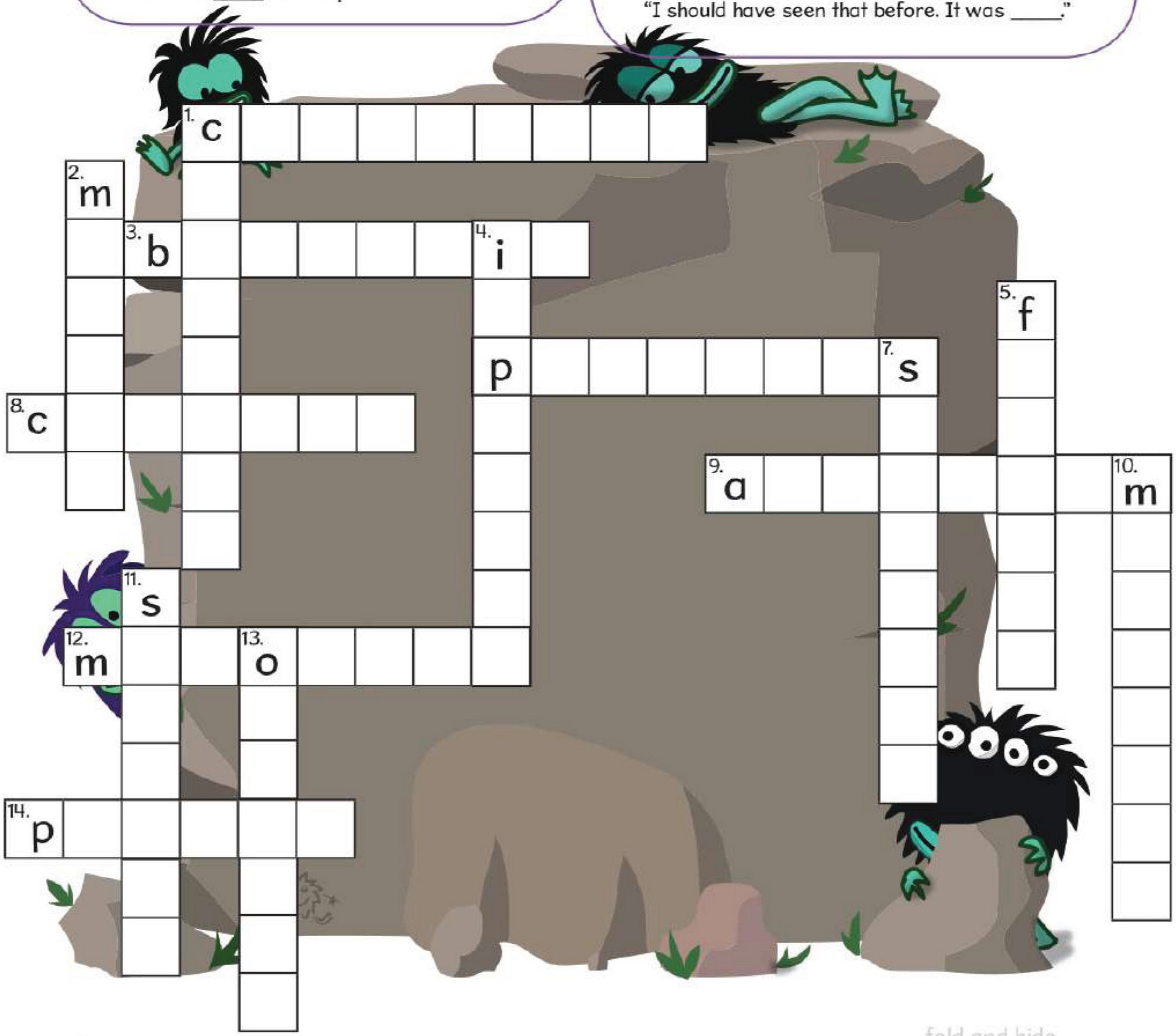
Crossword

Clues across

1. A friend who travels with you is called a _____.
3. Microscopic germs.
6. A word meaning "the one before".
8. Someone who asks questions is _____.
9. A tank or building where you can see fish.
12. A statue in memory of brave people is a _____.
14. An unreasonable fear.
   "I have a _____ about spiders".

Clues down

1. That boxer is the _____ of the world.
2. Steak can be cooked well done, rare or _____.
4. The emperor's soldiers were _____ storm troopers.
5. Very angry.
7. A male horse.
10. Another word for cloth or fabric.
11. Stern. Unsmiling. "You are in _____ trouble!"
13. Something very clear.
   "I should have seen that before. It was _____."



fold and hide

Answers

1. companion / champion 2. medium 3. bacteria 4. imperial 5. furious
6. previous 7. stallion 8. curious 9. aquarium 10. material 11. serious
12. memorial 13. obvious 14. phobia

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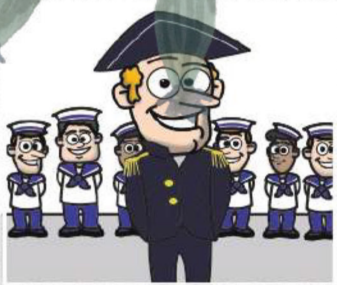
Sentence picture match

Pick the best sentence to match the picture.

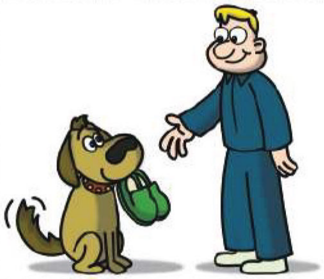
The champion would appreciate your help immediately.

He is the champion of the battalion.



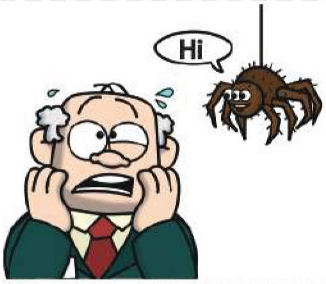
It is very convenient to have such an obedient pet.

It is very inconvenient to have such a rebellious pet.



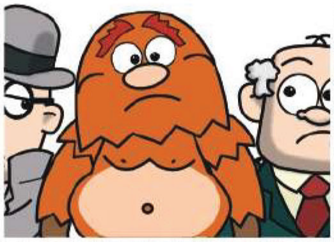
The custodian of the museum was furious when he saw a comedian.

The custodian of the museum has a phobia of tarantulas.



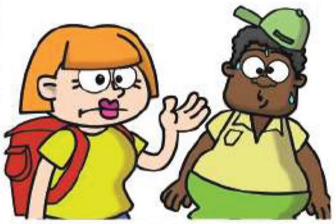
I felt conspicuous in the ridiculous costume.

I felt humiliated when the audience laughed.



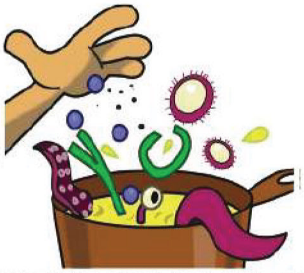
My companion caught malaria and got a fever that made him feel delirious.

My companion caught a crocodile while exploring the Brazilian interior.



The restaurant uses mysterious ingredients.

The restaurant found bacteria on the onions.



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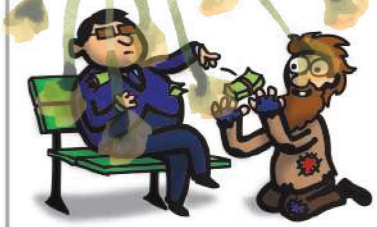
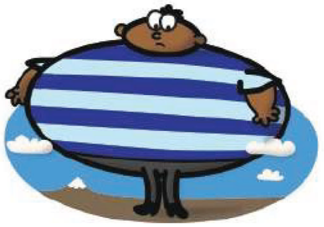
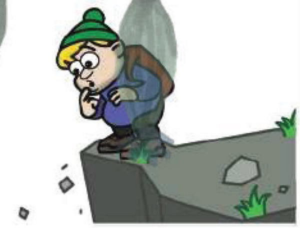
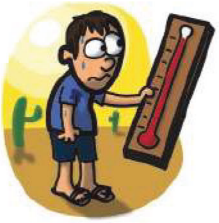
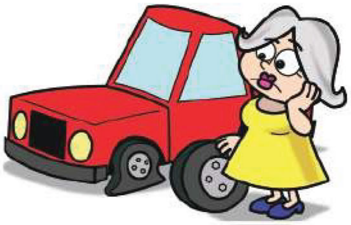
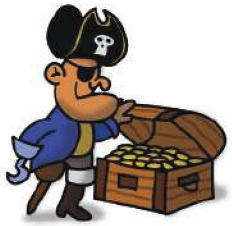
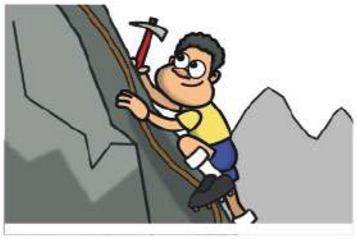
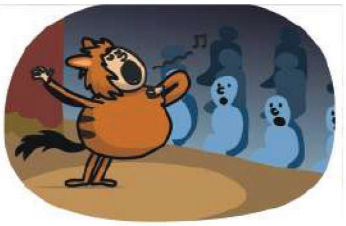
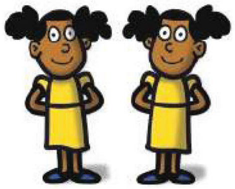
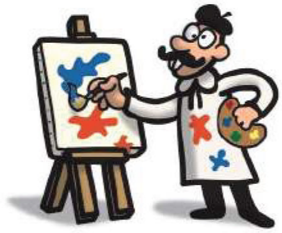
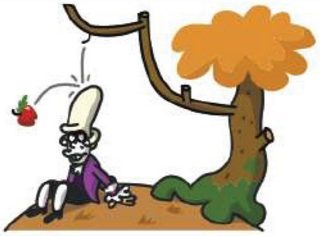
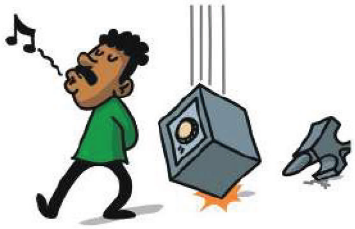
 jealous generous gorgeous	 enormous dangerous nervous	 famous outrageous dangerous
 adventure temperature signature	 mixture departure puncture	 treasure pressure pleasure
 engineer volunteer mountaineer	 medical musical practical	 political identical vertical
 automatic acrobatic artistic	 university gravity electricity	 lazily easily luckily

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ANSWERS: generous, enormous, dangerous, temperature, puncture, treasure, mountaineer, musical, identical, artistic, gravity, luckily

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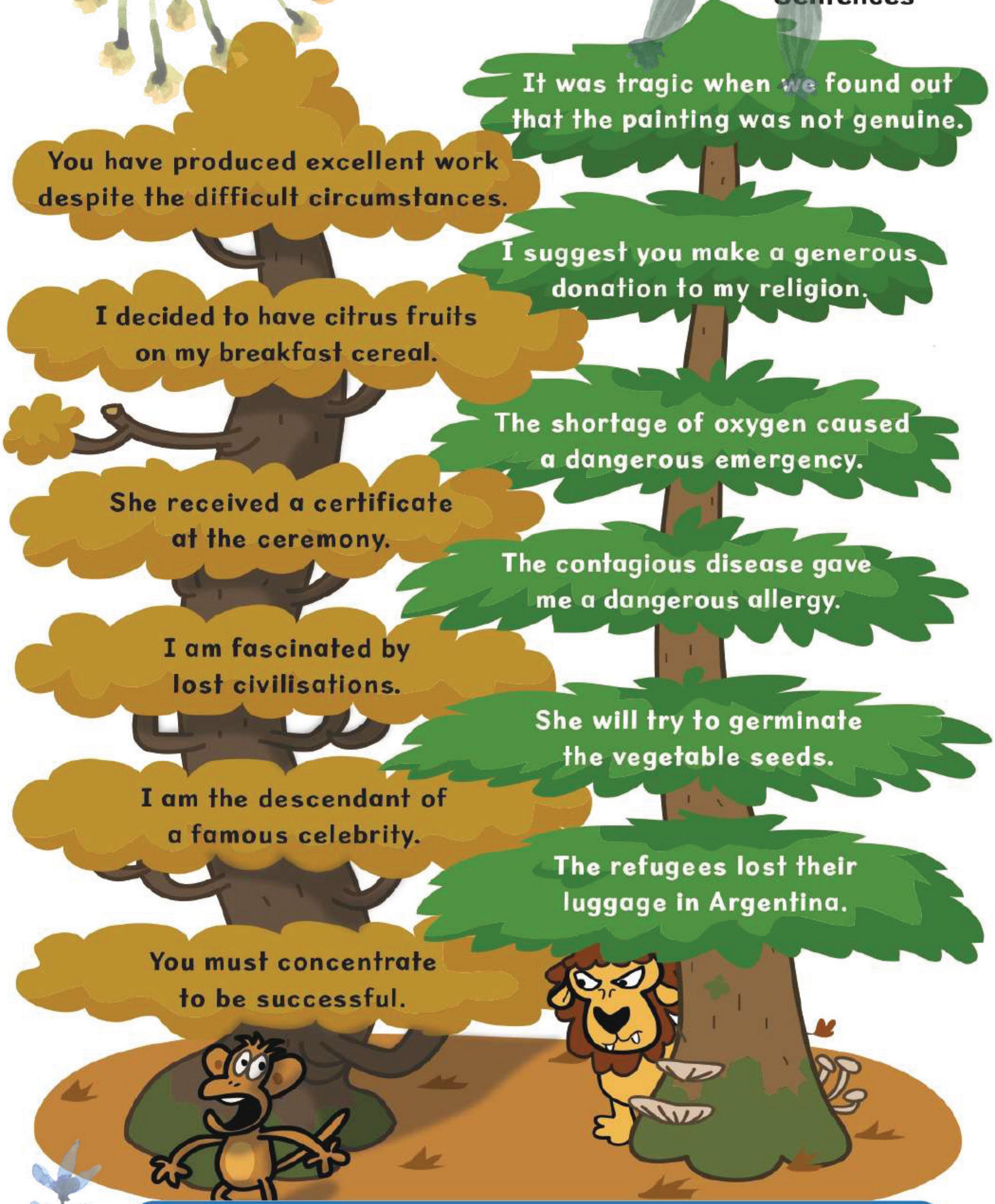


You have produced excellent work despite the difficult circumstances.

I decided to have citrus fruits on my breakfast cereal.

She received a certificate at the ceremony.

I am fascinated by lost civilisations.

I am the descendant of a famous celebrity.

You must concentrate to be successful.

It was tragic when we found out that the painting was not genuine.

I suggest you make a generous donation to my religion.

The shortage of oxygen caused a dangerous emergency.

The contagious disease gave me a dangerous allergy.

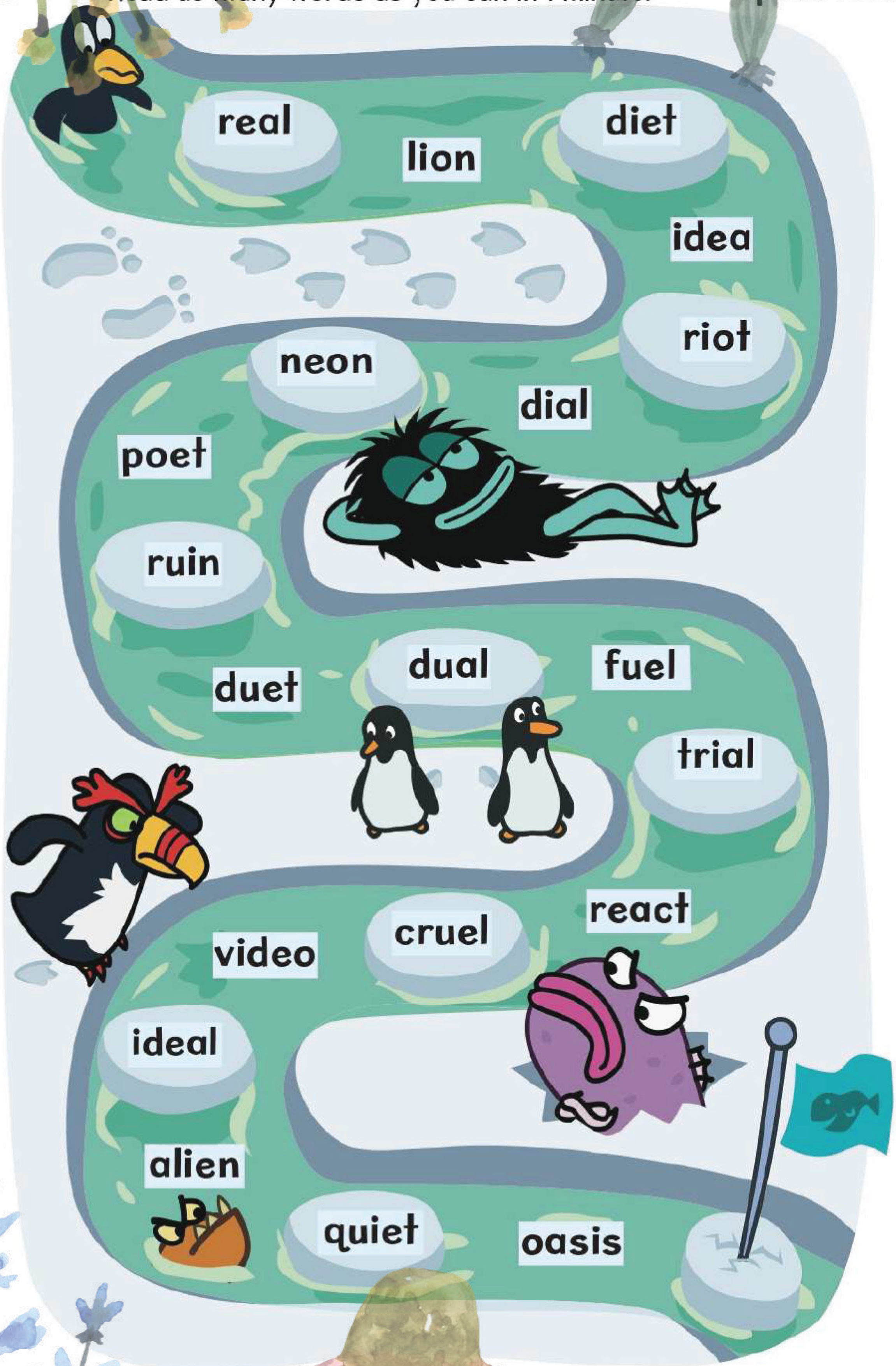
She will try to germinate the vegetable seeds.

The refugees lost their luggage in Argentina.

Can you get Minky the monkey to the top of the tree?
Reading: read a sentence to move. If you get stuck, jump across.
Spelling: record 6 sentences. Cover the sentences. Listen back to a sentence and write it down. Uncover the sentence to see if you got it right.

Speed read

Read as many words as you can in 1 minute.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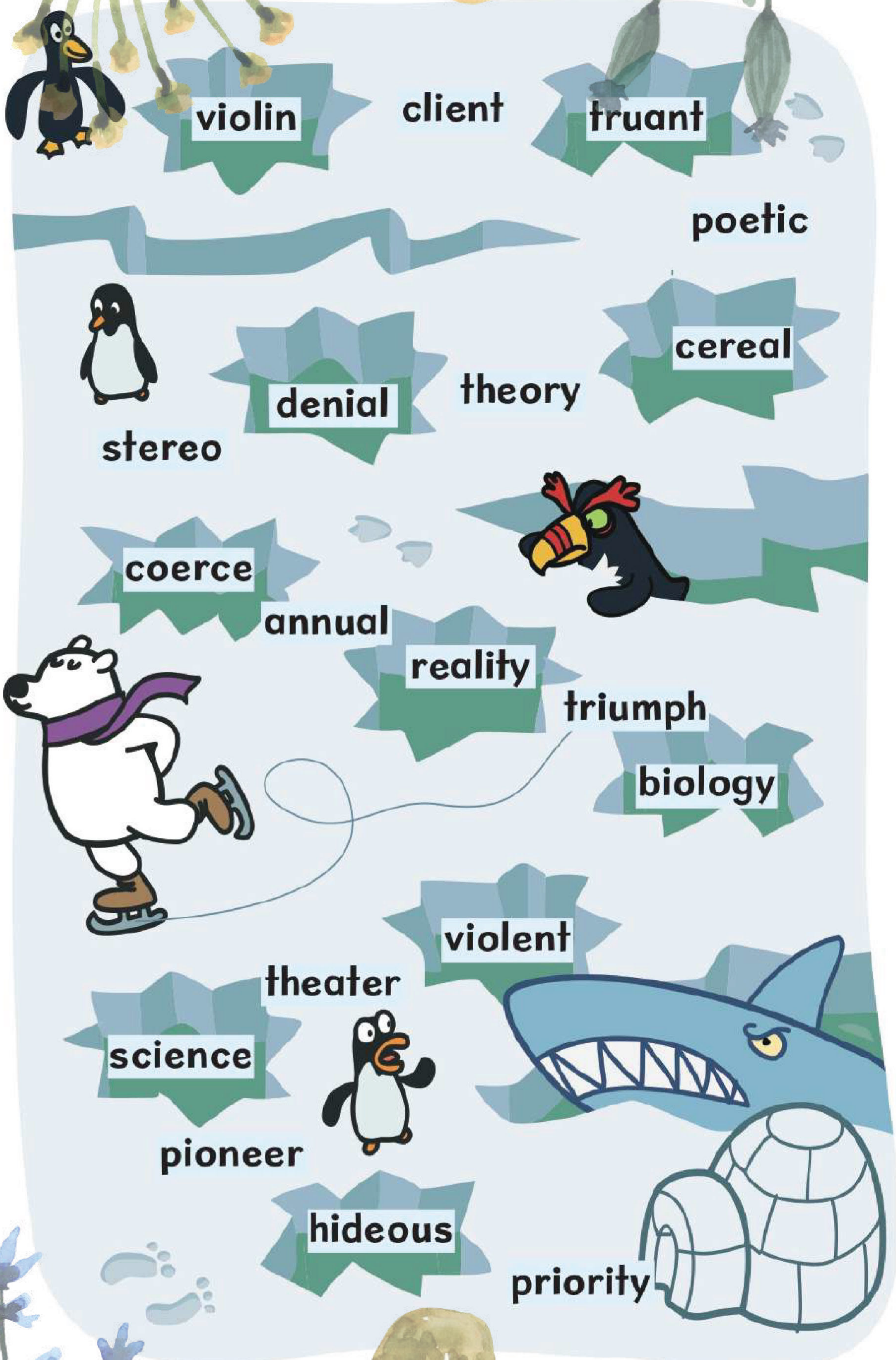

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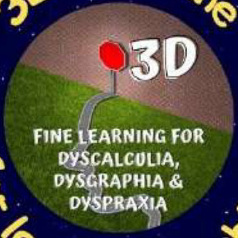
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